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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Charter Legislation

1. In conjunction with Title II of the forthcoming charter legislation, I would like to understand what written "guidelines" you are working under right now. I wonder if you could research the different categories of both covert action and clandestine collection to determine what specific rules are set forth for you for each such category. This would include the National Security Act, Executive Order 12036, Agency regulations and DDO notices, among others.

2. I'd appreciate if you could get someone to move on this fairly quickly. It seems very important to me that we try to insure that the forthcoming charter legislation not go further than the limits which we already have unless it appears desirable. It also seems important that we insure that, where appropriate, the forthcoming legislation covers topics that we think are important to cover because the charter legislation will not only place limits on us, it will authorize us to do things. We want to insure that this legislation has a positive tone and gives us support for taking actions which are illegal in the foreign environment in which taken. In short, I'm looking for help in beginning to move the charter legislation consideration onto a positive ground and need your help.

3. OGC is requested to help as necessary.

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